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Health Officers of Cities—Retirement on Pension. (Chap. 236, Act Apr. 8, 1915.)

1. Whenever any health officer or other chief officer of the local board or department of public health in any city of the first class in this State has or shall have been for 25 years continuously in public office or position in such city, and has or shall have attained the age of 60 years, it shall be lawful, with his assent, for the body, board, or officer having power to appoint his successor in case of vacancy, to order his retirement from such service, or he shall be retired upon his own request.

2. In case of such retirement the person so retired shall be entitled, for and during his natural life, to receive, by way of pension, such sum as said body or board may by resolution determine, not exceeding, however, one-half of the salary then being received by him for such service, the same to be paid in the same way and in the same installments in which such salary has heretofore been payable.

3. Provision for all pensions arising under this act shall be made in the appropriation or tax levy for the department of the public service from which such person shall be retired, and no pension shall cease or become invalid by reason of the abolition of the department or office in which he served, or any change in its title.

Commission on Tuberculosis Among Animals—Appointment and Duties—Valuation of Animals. (Chap. 36, Act Mar. 3, 1915.)

1. Section 1 of the act hereby amended [“An act concerning contagious and infectious diseases among cattle; regulating the importation of cattle into this State and providing measures to check the spread of diseases among cattle in this State; creating the commission of tuberculosis among animals, prescribing its powers and duties, and fixing penalties for violation of this act,” approved April 24, 1911] be and the same is amended to read as follows:

SECTION 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

1. The president of the State board of agriculture, for the time being, shall appoint five persons, citizens and taxpayers of this State, one of whom shall be a physician and surgeon, who, together with himself and the secretary of the State board of agriculture, for the time being, shall constitute the commission on tuberculosis among animals, hereinafter referred to as “the commission,” who shall exercise the powers and perform the duties hereinafter referred to. Said appointees shall be appointed for a term of three years and until their successors are appointed. Any vacancy occurring in said commission shall be filled for the unexpired term and in the manner herein mentioned.

2. The commission may elect one of its members as president and one as secretary; may appoint a treasurer, who need not be a member of the commission; a chief inspector, who shall also act as assistant to the secretary; as many inspectors, not exceeding six, as in its judgment are necessary for the proper enforcement of this act; and such clerical assistance as may be necessary. Within the limits of appropriations the commission shall fix the compensation to be paid to these officers and employees. The members of the commission shall receive traveling expenses while engaged in the work of the commission.

3. It shall be the duty of said commission to keep a full and complete record of all its proceedings under this act, and report the same annually to the State board of agriculture, and such report shall be printed in and form a part of the annual report of the State board of agriculture.

4. All bills for money expended under this act shall, after being approved by the president of the commission and attested by its secretary, be submitted to the comptroller and paid by the State treasurer to the treasurer of the commission, excepting stated salaries, printing, and stationery.

2. Section 2 of the act hereby amended be and the same is amended to read as follows:

SECTION 2. CATTLE WITHIN THE STATE.

5. Whenever the commission shall be notified by the secretary of the State board of health, or any owner or owners of dairy animals, requesting them to inspect such animals, supposed to be diseased with tuberculosis or any contagious or infectious disease, a veterinarian and an inspector may be designated by the commission to make such inspection, and the inspector may agree with the owner or owners upon a valuation of such animals as are to be inspected; in cases where no agreement can be reached the inspector designated by the commission shall choose one disinterested freeholder, the owner or owners shall choose one, and the two shall designate a third, who shall ascertain and decide upon the market value of each animal to be examined by the commission, according to the use for which such animal is adapted, and shall sign certificates thereof in the presence of a witness, who shall attest the same; such valuation shall, in each case, be made on the basis of the value of the animals the day the valuation is made, not diminished by the disease for which they are to be examined; and if upon examination by the veterinary any animals in said herd are found to be infected with tuberculosis or any contagious or infectious disease, they shall be, in the discretion of the commission, condemned and slaughtered; in such case three-fourths of such valuation so ascertained shall be paid by the State to the owner or owners on presentation of such certificate with the approval of the said commission indorsed thereon: *Provided*, That such appraisalment shall not exceed \$300 for each pure-bred animal so condemned, the pedigree of which is registered and recorded with the recognized association for the particular breed to which such animal belongs, the evidence of which shall be the usual certificate, and \$50 for each other animal condemned: *And provided further*, That no compensation shall be made for animals considered by the commission to be of no value. If the meat of the slaughtered cattle shall be passed for use as food by the Federal authorities or a State board of health or municipal inspector, the commission is hereby authorized to sell the same, and the proceeds from the sale of the meat, hide, and other marketable parts of the said animal shall be paid into the State treasury.

6. Whenever the commission shall have made or caused to be made any examination of any cattle within this State, and shall have ascertained such cattle to be sound and in good health, they shall, upon request from the owner thereof, give to him a certificate in writing, signed by the president and secretary of said commission, certifying to the fact of such examination and of the good health and condition of such animal or herd of animals.

7. The said commission shall have the power to cooperate with the Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States in any general national system which may be adopted by such bureau for the prevention of the spread of bovine tuberculosis and any contagious or infectious disease, and its eradication in the United States and its Territories.

Communicable Diseases of Animals—Quarantine by State Board of Health. (Chap. 26, Act Mar. 2, 1915.)

1. Section 5 of the act to which this is an amendment ["An act concerning contagious and infectious diseases among animals, and to repeal certain acts relating thereto," approved May 4, 1886] is hereby amended to read as follows:

5. That when any county, city, township, or district shall be threatened with any contagious or infectious disease among animals to such an extent as to seem to require more general precautions, the State board of health may, for such time as said board shall deem necessary and proper, quarantine such county, city, township, or district and prohibit the bringing of any animal subject to such contagious or infectious dis-